MRTP Commission

412. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTP) has sought more teeth in post-reforms scenario to cope with the changed economic environment and for effectively controlling the unfair and restrictive trade practices; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Several changes have been made in the MRTP Act, 1969 since its enactment. Last amendment was made in 1991. On the basis of experience gained, MRTP Commission has recently made some suggestions for further rationalisation of this Act. These would be considered in consultation with concerned authorities.

Legal education system

413. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 21st November 1994 under the caption "Call for reforms in legal education system" made at a recently held All India Conference of Lawyers in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps Government of India propose to take for structural reforms in the entire legal education system to improve the quality of legal educaiton in the country without loss of time with a view to generate public confidence in the country's justice delivery system and to improve the image of the profession as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Bar Council of India.

Complaints before the investor protection cell

414. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Investor Protection Cell during the financial year, 1994 month-wise;

(b) the details of those companies against which more than 100 complaints have been received;

(c) the pending complaints before the cell as on date alongwith details of the oldest complaint; and

(d) what steps are being taken for quick disposal of complaints by the cells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Particulars of 29,796 investor complaints as received in Department of Company Affairs were entered in the computer during 1993-94. Month wise figures are indicated in the statement enclosed. (See below)

(b) The details are given in the Statement-II enclosed. (See below)

(c) Out of the total complaints indicated in part (a) above, 4254 are pending. The oldest pending complaint is that of Suman Rani of Meerut against M/s Priyadarshini Spinning Mills Ltd. Hyderabad which is pending since 22.4.1993.

(d) The Department of Company Affairs has developed a computerised system of processing investor grievances incorporating periodic references/reminders to the concrened companies and regular monitoring by senior officers.

Statement-I

Month-wise details of the complaint received by the invester protection cell during the financial year 1994

Month	No. of complaints
April, 1993	1084
May 1993	516
June 1993	189
July 1993	586
August 1993	7459
September 1993	6835
October 1993	6030
November 1993	2578
December 1993	0
January 1994	315
February 1994	412
March 1994	3702
TOTAL:	20,796

Statement—II

Details of companies against which mort than 100 complaints were received by IPC during the period April '93 to March 94

Sl. No.	Company Name
1.	Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises Ltd.
2.	Amrut Industries Ltd.
3.	Arihant Industries Ltd.
4.	Andhra Cement Ltd.
5.	Bharat Pipes and Fittings Ltd.
6.	Bay Liners Limited.
7.	C T Cotton Yarn Ltd.
8.	Dharmendra Overseas Limited.
9.	Eastern Mining Ltd.
10.	Gujarat Borosil Ltd.
11.	Indian Tonners & Developer Ltd.
12.	Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.
13.	Indian Seamless Steels & Alloys Ltd.
14.	Indo American Optics Ltd.
15.	JK Synthetics Ltd.
16.	Lilichem Laboratories (I) Ltd.
17.	L & T Ltd.
18.	Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd.
19.	LML Limited
20.	Panjwani Packaging Ltd.
21.	Premium Finance & Leasing Ltd.
22.	Reliance Industries Ltd.
23.	Reliance Polypropylene Ltd.
24.	Reliance Polyethylene Ltd.
25.	Silverline Industries Ltd.
26.	Videocon Narmada Electronics Ltd.
27.	West Coast Brewers & Distilers Ltd.

Ceiling on election expenses

415. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has recommended to raise the ceiling on election expenses to realistic levels of four times the present limit for candidates in Lok Sabha and Assembly elections before the Polls in four States in November and December elections; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The ceiling on election expenses has already been revised by the Government and the revised ceilings have come into effect with effect from 21st October, 1994. A statement indicating the ceiling recommended by the Election Commission and as revised by the Government in any one of the Parliamentary constituency or the Assembly constituency in various States and Union territories is laid on the Table of the House.